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WSP Reminds Motoring Public to Secure Loads

On our highways recently, there have been situations where debris fell off the back of vehicles, causing severe injuries to motorists. The Washington State Patrol today wants to remind motorists that securing loads is not only the responsible thing to do, but if you don't do it, you will be cited.

"We will continue to enforce those laws which prevent injury and death," explained Chief Lowell M. Porter. "Securing one's load is the law and we take this seriously," he said, adding "We need the public to help us by responsibly tying down and securing loads on their vehicles."

Thus far in 2004, the State Patrol has issued 452 citations for this violation, which includes debris escape, unsecured load, or uncovered load.

For further information on failing to secure loads, go to
<http://www.leg.wa.gov/RCW/index.cfm?section=46.61.655&fuseaction=section>.

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